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Dr. Aaron Novick
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Dear Aaron:

The Lalor letter is in the mail.

I'm sorry about your troubles with W-481. As I told you we haven't looked at it in a long time, and it may have picked up the modifiers I warned you about. How are you making out with W-67? I've not had a chance to, but will look over our stocks again and see if there are not some better possibilities. I suspect we have a number that have been identified tentatively as recurrences of Lac, anyhow, though they have not been exhaustively tested as being absolute negatives.

Weiner suggested you might be interested in some "glucose-negative" stocks. These ~~XXXXX~~ all combinations of Lac₃⁻ (glu-, mal-, lac+) with various suppressors to give any conceivable phenotype. Some of the lac+glu- combinations are constitutive. Let me know your pleasure. (Cf. CSH 16:434).

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg